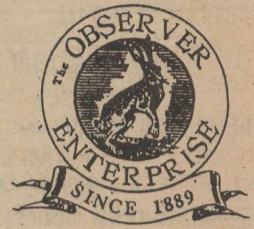


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Commissioners' Court actions detailed

Commissioners' Court was held Monday, January 27. Present were Judge Walker, Commissioners Burns, Lee, Percifull, and Tidwell, Ettie Hubbard, clerk, Lane Arthur, attorney, Sheriff Mike Harris, Kristi Roe, tax collector, Craig Demere, and Sid Eubanks.

The meeting was opened with a pledge to the flag and prayer by James Tidwell.

Minutes for January 6 and 13 approved.

Bids for a pickup were reviewed: Ivey Motor Company bid \$22,543.17 and Bessent Chevrolet bid \$20,995.50. Bessent's was awarded the bid, being the low bid. The pickup will be used by the Sheriff's department for enforcement of illegal dumping. Texas Natural Resource Conservation funded the grant of \$17,000.00 to apply to the purchase.

The 1996 audit was reviewed and approved.

A letter to Wackenhut regarding escrow agreement was reviewed and approved

to be mailed.

Texas Department of Transportation reported the Paint Creek Bridge would not be included on the historical bridge list. This will result in quite a savings to the county in replacing the bridge.

Liability insurance on constable's vehicles was discussed and postponed until budget time.

A vote was taken on abolishing the Contable's position in Coke County requiring approval by state and by county. This would require the vote of the local people to abolish the office. Court was previously told that it had to be by state vote only. This was an error. The vote to send the resolution to Rep. Junell was four for and one abstaining. Resolution was sent to Rep. Junell.

No actions on seal coating.

No actions on Walnut Road closure. Mr. Arthur and Mr. Demere to meet with Mike Varnadore this week to discuss the land owners in-

involved. Public hearing will be held February 25 at 1:00 pm.

Trapper's report reviewed and approved.

John Conley approached the court requesting the use of the Robert Lee Recreation Hall for the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department to have Bingo. They requested the use of the hall each third Thursday of the month. License would be in John Conley's and Robert Wink's names as the representatives of the Fire Department. There would be no smoking, no alcohol, and children under 18 years of age would not be allowed to play. Charge would be 50 cents a card with 25 cents to the Fire Department and 25 cents to the winners. The Auxiliary would have a concession stand. The board voted to table until February 10 to allow the public to respond. They appreciate the need of the Fire Department, but would like for the public to let them know their feelings.

The county has already voted to allow Bingo for charity.

Commissioners were requested to report any new homes being built in their areas to assist in keeping the 911 addressing complete.

The need for 911 maps was reviewed and orders placed.

Purchase for sign maker was tabled to see if cities would like to enter into an inter-local agreement on purchase.

Appointment of Debbie Harris as Court Reporter was approved. Her salary was approved with it remaining the same as last year.

Joe Harmon's request for private road work was approved.

Bills were paid and meeting adjourned.

Please contact a Commissioner or the County Judge and let them know your feelings on Bingo. We need to know how you feel.

Gospel Singing set for Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, February 2 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

Robert Lee State Bank purchased books for the Green Thumb participants in Robert Lee.



These ladies show off a quilt they recently finished. Shown with the quilt are: (l-r) Bernie McCarty, Helen Kirkland, Ella Pruitt, Dora Galaway and Pearl Mae Andrews.

FB leaders attend conference

Farm Bureau leaders from Coke County attended the recent annual Texas Farm Bureau Leadership Conference launching their 1997 program of work in Texas. The leadership conference was held January 26-27 at Austin's Hyatt Hotel.

Attending from Coke County were John Stephens and Jeff Eubanks.

Invited to participate in the Leadership Conference were county presidents of the 211 organized county Farm Bureaus and county chairmen of state affairs, national affairs, information, membership and 20 different commodity committees.

Speakers included TFB President Bob Stallman and elected officials who spoke about priority issues for agriculture in 1997.

Group sessions were held for county presidents, county office secretaries, membership, and commodity committees.

Mexican Supper to be held

BHS senior class members will be hosting a Mexican "Pile-On" Supper Friday, January 31 in the school cafeteria. They will be serving from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Parent sponsored ski trip for the seniors.

CCRC to meet

The Coke County Roping Club will have a meeting Wednesday evening, February 12, at 7 pm at the Bronte Arena. The purpose of the meeting is to make plans for the upcoming roping season. For more information, contact Roger Graves at 473-6901 in the evenings.

Little League meeting set

Coke County Little League will meet on Wednesday, February 5 at 7:30 pm in the Western Gas crew meeting room in Bronte. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Main items on the agenda to be discussed are registration dates and fund raising options.

Tennyson community meeting slated

The Tennyson Community Gathering is slated for Saturday, February 1. A potluck supper will begin at 6:30 pm. Bring your musical instrument and join the fun. Everyone in the area is invited to attend the event.

SA Genealogical meeting

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will meet at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, February 4, 1997 in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ, 901 North Main.

For more information, call Peg Gordon at 949-8870.

GT cookbook published

Green Thumb, Inc., the nation's oldest and largest provider of mature worker training and community service employment, recently published Green Thumbs in the Kitchen. Reflecting on a time when life was simpler and when much of the food was home-grown, this 272 page cookbook is packed with favorite family-farm recipes from across rural America. Proceeds support Green Thumb's training and employment program for older workers.



Zola Hatley displays her Green Thumb cookbook.

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Correction on Br. visit date

by Judge Jackie Walker
 I'm sorry for the error on the date of the visit to Bronte. It was stated that a visit would be February 22, when it was actually January 22. I apologize and will try to proof a little better. This was not an error of the paper.

On my visit last Wednesday several people were in and out of the bank. I really enjoyed visiting with the ones that were in. With all the duties and meetings it is hard to get out in the public and visit like I would like to. You must be my ears and let me know if we need to be more attentive in certain areas. As I've said before, we are here to do what you desire. This isn't always possible due to money, rules, etc., but we do try. Coke County is our home and we want everyone to be proud to be from Coke County.

Two things have been on the Commissioners' Court Agenda for months. One is the seal coating of the streets. This will continue until we get an Attorney General's opinion and know what we can do. The other one was the abolishing of the Constable's position. This was caused by the declining valuations. There has been a lot of public con-

RLVFD memorials


The following donations and memorials were received for the month of December by the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department.

Memorials

- Arch Mathers**
Mike & Fran Lomas; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Blair.
- Charles Webb**
Betty Barrett
- Opal Baker**
Mike & Fran Lomas; David & Lisa Lewis & family; Mrs. A.J. Roe, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Brown; Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Roe III; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Blair; Mr. & Mrs. Lendy Devoll.
- Brother of Bob Duncan**
Mike & Fran Lomas
- Linda Sparks**
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Blair
- Marjorie Harwell**
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Blair; Mr. & Mrs. Lendy Devoll.
- Perry Post**
Mike & Fran Lomas; Mary May Wylie; Beth Prather.
- Doris Baker**
Mike & Fran Lomas
- Esteen Snoodly**
Mike & Fran Lomas; David & Lisa Lewis & family.
- Donations**
Hochheim Prairie Farm Mutual Insurance Association; Conrad J. Millican.

cern regarding this. The Court was first told to change the Constitution would require it be voted on by the entire state. This really caused some concern, as people (including the court), felt like the people of Coke County should be the ones to say if we have a Constable or not. The first resolution sent to Rep. Rob Junell to abolish the Constable's position by state vote was rescinded by the court. Information was obtained that we could require it to also pass the county. What this means is we will vote on it only once, but it will be counted state wide and if it passes state wide, the votes in Coke County must also favor abolishing the office. The courts feels much better about this, as it allows you to decide. Resolution was passed. Four voted for and one abstained. Resolution was sent to Rep. Junell.

John Conley visited the court Monday, the 27th, with a request for the Recreation Hall for Bingo. The proceeds would be used for the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department. Further details are available in the Commissioners' Court actions. We need your ideas on this. Legalized Bingo was voted on by Coke County during a General Election, November, 1983 and passed. This will be voted on February 10 at 9:00 am at Commssioners' Court. Mr. Conley needs to know about the use of the building to proceed with the application. The Judge's phone and office are open for you, and the Commissioners would be more than glad to visit with you. Please do not hesitate to state your feelings.



Sunny Notes for the Coke County Seniors

Quilting

Please feel welcome to join us each month for quilting and pot luck. Watch the paper for dates and information.

Menu

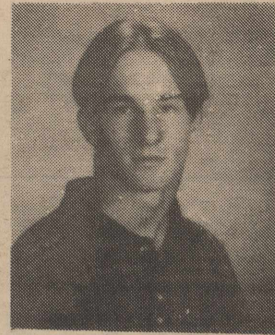
- Monday, Feb. 3**
Pepper Steak w/Rice, Potatoes Au Gratin, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Peach Halves.
- Wednesday, Feb. 5**
Crab Cakes w/Tartar Sauce, Sweet Peas, Okra Gumbo, Hot Rolls, Apple Sauce.
- Friday, Feb. 7**
Baked Ham, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Carrot-Raisin Salad, Hot Rolls, Jello w/Fruit.

Emert makes Dean's List

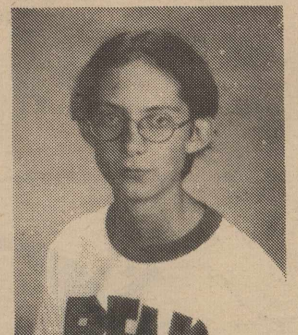
Carrie Emert of Robert Lee has been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 1996.

In order to be considered a part of the dean's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

Carrie is the daughter of Tad and Therese Emert of Robert Lee.



David Wilson



Zane Scott

BHS Art Students Win Awards

Two Bronte art students, Zane Scott and David Wilson won awards in the West Texas Regional Scholastic Art Competition sponsored by Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. The annual competition selects work from high school students from all over Texas and New Mexico. Only about 10% of the 3,000 or so entries are selected for exhibit in the Texas Tech University Art Department.

David was awarded honor-

able mention for a painting he did this semester and Zane won a Silver award for a painting completed this semester. Both David and Zane are art students at Bronte High School. An awards ceremony will be Saturday, February 1, at 1 pm in the Biology Auditorium on the Texas Tech Campus. Following the awards ceremony, there will be a reception for the exhibition in the university art department foyer at 18th and Flint at 2:30. The exhibit opens Monday, January 27, and runs through February 7.

Poetry contest announced

You may enter a new poetry contest sponsored by the Texas Poetry Alliance, a liberal arts organization whose goal is to excite interest in poetry. The grand prize is a whopping \$1000, and everyone is invited to enter a poem free.

The guidelines are simple. Your poem may be written on any subject, using any style, but must be your own work. There is no entry fee. Deadline for entering is February 19. Winners will be announced by the last week in March and a winners list sent to all entrants.

Says noted Poetry Director Robert Mearns, "Texas has a great reputation for producing fine poets and we think this contest will yield exciting results. As an incentive to beginning poets we reserve the right to publish the winning poems!"

To enter, send one poem only (21 lines or less) to: Poetry Contest, 1712 E. Riverside Dr., Suite 147, Austin, Texas 78741-1320.

Death Notices

Derrick

Carl Lynn Derrick, 33, of Odessa died Sunday, January 19, 1997 at his residence.

Graveside services were held at 3:00 pm Thursday, January 23 at the Mule Creek Cemetery in Tennyson. Funeral services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his mother, Myrtice Derrick of Odessa; his father, Chester

Derrick of Tennyson; one brother, Chester Roy Derrick of Grape Creek; two sisters, Shirley Honea of Orient and Wilma Lambert of Odessa; two nieces and one nephew.

Rocha

Jesus Rocha, 64, of Robert Lee, died Monday, January 27, 1997, at his residence. Services are pending with Shaffer Funeral Home of Robert Lee.

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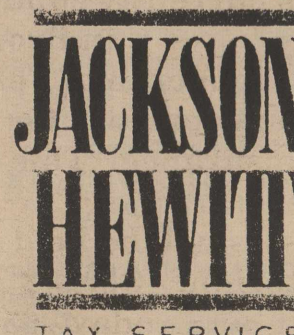
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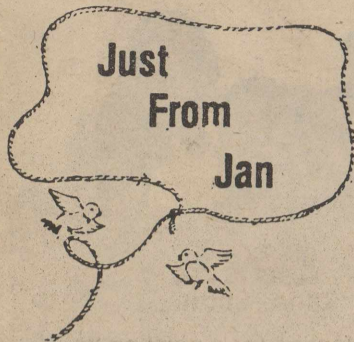
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by Jan Yanez
Coke County
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Homemaking still a full-time job

The homemaker still has an eight hour workday. Studies show that the amount of time homemakers use for household work has changed little over the past 40 years.

It is the nature of homemaking which has changed. Mental activity has replaced much of the physical work of home-making. As a result the type of skills and abilities which are needed to run the home are different. Homemakers today are decision makers who need knowledge about a large number of goods and services available on the market. Homemaking work today depends heavily on skills in buying, using, and caring for goods and services. Homemakers now use more time for marketing, record keeping, and management than they did 40 years ago.

In the work of today, homemakers experience more indecision and frustration than was true of days past. This means mental strain!

It is important to realize that fatigue results from both mental and emotional strain as well as from actual physical labor. Today's homemaker may feel just as tired after experiencing indecision as yesterday's homemaker felt after hard physical labor. The informed homemaker who is able to make decisions is less likely to experience fatigue than the homemaker who lacks knowledge and is not able to make decisions. Anyone who questions the need for knowledge has only to study the supermarket shelves and see the wide variety of household cleaning and laundry products from which the homemaker must choose.

Let us think more about the amount of time required for homemaking work. A recent study of the amount of time spent in homemaking work by 1,296 urban families was conducted by Cornell University. It was reported that full time homemakers spent an average of eight hours per day in homemaking work.

Homemakers with very small children and those with many children have the heaviest work load in the home. Homemakers who are em-



Kimberly Burrow (above) and O/E and Lone Star Roper owner/publisher Hal Spain were married on Saturday, January 25, 1997, at Las Vegas, Nevada. The double ring ceremony was held in the Silver Bells Chapel, with the groom's brother and sister-in-law, Philip and Helen Spain, serving as best man and matron of honor. After the Super Bowl weekend in Vegas, the couple is at home in Robert Lee.

ployed in the labor force also have a heavy work load. In the Cornell study, homemakers who were employed 15 or more hours in the labor force reported a 10 hour work day, combining their employment and homemaking tasks.

Let us think about this a little more. Most of the employed women with the 10 hour workday did not have very small children; nor did they have several young children at home. However, when they do work they are likely to have a 12 or 13 hour workday. These are really quite busy women!

Today we hear quite a lot about changing roles of males and females in the home. How much time would you think that husbands spend each day in taking care of the home? In the Cornell study husbands spent about an hour and half. This amount did not appear to increase even when the wife had an outside job. However the men were still doing traditionally male types of activities. Most of their time was spent in yard care, house maintenance, and socializing types of activities with children. However, men were doing more shopping. This is a change from

traditional men's work; but you might expect it in our consumer society.

We hear a lot about increased leisure time these days. It is certainly true that we have more vacation days and we have more years of retirement and better health in which to enjoy it. However, we still live long work weeks. If you included all work, in the Cornell study women had an average work week of 63 hours. For men, it was 64 hours. This does not leave a great deal of time for leisure.

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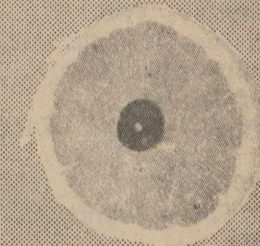
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Longhorn Varsity falls to area teams

The Bronte Longhorn Varsity basketball team lost to Water Valley, 47-57, recently. High scorer for the game was Keith Treadaway with 18 points, 4 steals, and 15 rebounds. Casey Gibbs put in 8 points and Michael Martinez added 8 points, 5 assists, and 3 steals. Michael Sallee and Michael Blair each had 4 points and 5 rebounds. Kale Beck put in 3 points and had 5 rebounds and 4 assists with Scott Graves adding 2 points.

Last Friday evening, January 24, the Longhorns lost a heartbreaker to the Robert Lee Steers, 51-52. Casey Gibbs took top scoring honors with 17 points. Keith Treadaway put in 15 points and had 5 rebounds. Michael Martinez followed with 7 points. Kale Beck added 4 points and had 10 rebounds, 8 assists, and 3 steals, with Michael Blair adding 4 points, Michael Sallee adding 3 points and 7 rebounds, and Scott Graves adding 1 point.

Lady Shorthorns place 2nd in WV tourney

The Bronte Jr. High 8th Grade Girls brought home second place in the Water Valley Tournament this past weekend. Their girls won their first game, 28-18, against

Irion County. Tessie McMullan was high scorer with 10 points, Kara Sefcik had 6 points, Kala Arrott had 5 points, Crystal Moore had 4 points and Brooke McCutchen had 3 points.

The girls won their second game of the tournament against Sterling City with a score of 26-18. Tessie McMullan and Kala Arrott both had 7 points each, Brooke McCutchen had 3 points, Kara Sefcik, Jade Richards, Natalie Hamm, and Crystal Moore all had 2 points each and Angie Harrell had 1 point.

This put the girls in the finals against Robert Lee. Robert Lee defeated the girls, 31-22. Bronte played an excellent defensive game. Kara Sefcik led with 6 points, Brooke McCutchen had 5 points, Tessie McMullan and Kala Arrott had 4 points each, Crystal Moore had 2 points, and Jade Richards had 1 point. Other member of the team who helped make the scoring possible in the tournament were Natalie Hamm, Kara Thompson, Angie Harrell, Rosa Rodriguez, and Cassandra Parks.

The girls are open this week and the final game of the year will be against Robert Lee in the Robert Lee Gym Monday, February 3, with the 7th grade girls beginning at 5:00 pm. There will be a Robert Lee "B" Tournament on Saturday, February 1, with our 7th grade girls playing two games. They

will play Water Valley at 10:30 am and Sterling City at 1:30 pm.

Everyone is encouraged to attend these games and support our future Lady Longhorns.

Honor roll luncheon

The "A" Honor Roll Luncheon for Bronte Elementary was recently held at the Bronte Homemaking Cottage. Students honored were Garrett Jackson, Cody Moore, Cody Blaylock, Jenna Herold, Heather Richey, Jonathan Tomes, and Joel Webb.

Rick Howell, elementary principal, was the guest speaker. He discussed education and how important it had been in his life. He encouraged each student to set goals throughout his/her life - especially educational goals.

Others attending the luncheon were: Alan Richey, Bronte school superintendent; Vicki McCutchen, school counselor; Jody Garmon, fourth grade teacher; Marty Blair, fourth grade teacher; Pat Lee, fifth grade teacher; and Charlotte Jackson, sixth grade teacher.

Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards.

- Soren Kierkegaard



Bronte seniors clown around during Super Bowl activities Sunday, January 26. Seniors attending the bash were: (back row from l), Felicia Beam, Kim Hall, Felicia Pullen; (middle row from l); Keith Treadaway, Kale Beck, Scott Thompson, and Jodie Hilliard; (front from l); Dustin Johnson and Joy King.

Br. Seniors celebrate Super Bowl Sunday

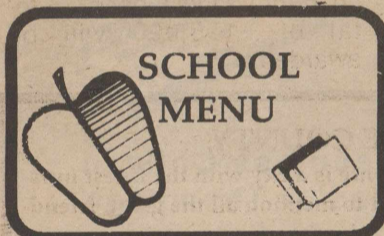
The '97 Senior class cheered and jeered the Super Bowl game at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Nick Arrott. Nine seniors were present for the big game and everyone had good time and ate lots of good food furnished by the parents. Seniors present were Felicia Beam, Kim Hall,

Felicia Pullen, Keith Treadaway, Kale Beck, Scott Thompson, Jodie Hilliard, Dustin Johnson, and Joy King. Although the Packer backers earned boasting rights the Patriot fans showed

more spirit. MVP award of the evening went to Dustin Johnson whose half time performance is rumored to have cost him his hair.

Mexican Pile-On Supper

Friday, January 31
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Bronte School Cafeteria
Adults - \$5.00 - Children - \$3.00
Benefits Sr. Parent Sponsored Ski Trip



SCHOOL MENU

Breakfast

Monday, Feb. 3
Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancakes, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 4
Breakfast Bagel, Grape Juice, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 5
French Toast, Orange Juice, Blueberry Muffin, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 6
Scrambled Eggs, Diced Peaches, Biscuit, Milk

Friday, Feb. 7
Cereal, Sliced Oranges, Pop Tart, Milk

Lunch

Monday, Feb. 3
Pizza, Sweet Corn, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk, Brownies

Tuesday, Feb. 4
Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Milk, Blueberry Cake

Wednesday, Feb. 5
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit, Bread Sticks, Milk, Cherry Cobbler

Thursday, Feb. 6
Burrito w/Cheese, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Milk, Jello

Friday, Feb. 7
Submarine Sandwich, Ham & Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Sliced Orange, Pork & Beans, Bun, Chips, Milk, Sugar Cookies

Bronte ISD Honor Roll				
<i>3rd Six Weeks</i>				
<p>Bronte Elementary</p> <p>2nd Grade</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All A's</i></p> <p>Philip Rawlings Logan Rawls Ashley Turner Shane Jones Rebekah Beauchamp</p> <p>3rd Grade</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All A's</i></p> <p>Lindsey Butler Rebecca Rawlings Bailey Saunders Jaylon Saunders Cheyenne Webb</p> <p>4th Grade</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All A's</i></p> <p>Garrett Jackson Cody Moore</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A-B</i></p> <p>Cory Cooper Romana Hoover Kinlee Hoyt Isiana Green Ashleigh Kelly Terence Scott Stephen Tomes Jeremy Compton Blaine Dyess Nicholas Flores Jesse Herold Calli Johnson Ashley McCutchen</p> <p>5th Grade</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A-B</i></p> <p>Eddy Arant Tyson Baker Jessica Compton</p>	<p>Ashley Denton Brittany Eldred Roy Lee Flores Brandon Hall Kailey Howell Joseph Israel Britney McCutchen Casey McKee Natalee Reed Jesse Rodriguez Ashley Torres Chase Williams Diane Womack</p> <p>6th Grade</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All A's</i></p> <p>Heather Richey Jenna Herold Joel Webb Jonathan Tomes Cody Blaylock</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A-B</i></p> <p>Barbie Arant Sam Booker Amanda Cox Mary Lou Garcia James Graves Kayla Hilliard Lindsey Williams Kevin Huddleston Michael Johnson Randi Thomason</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bronte High School</p> <p>7th Grade</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All A's</i></p> <p>Katy Frazce Morgan McCutchen Lacy Schoenfield</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>A-B</i></p> <p>Gene Butts Christine Galvan Chrissie Israel Joey Rhodes Natasha Reed Destiny White Kevin Wooldridge Michelle Owens</p> <p>8th Grade</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All A's</i></p> <p>Eric Johnson Brooke McCutchen Tessie McMullan Crystal Moore Jade Richards Cara Sefcik</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A-B</i></p> <p>Michaela Arrott Brandon Gibbs Angela Harrell Jesse McClure Ryan McCorkle Rosa Rodriguez Josh Schoenfield Kara Thompson Henry White Zeb Speary Jason Stamper Cassandra Parks</p> <p>9th Grade</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All A's</i></p> <p>Wes Howell</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A-B</i></p> <p>Natalie Armendarez Andy Blair Josh Butts Jake Graves</p>	<p>Jerrold McClure Mark Newman George Tomes Blake McKee</p> <p>10th Grade</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All A's</i></p> <p>Nicole Butts Stacie McKee Brandy Denton</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A-B</i></p> <p>Natasha Carper Bonnie DeLaughter Kevin Johnson Josh Knight Kim Perry Dustin Scott Jason Silva Vanessa Sparks</p> <p>11th Grade</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A-B</i></p> <p>Courtney Arrott Sommer Beck Holly McDuffie Michael Martinez Cara Barnett</p>	<p>Scotty Graves Brandi Smith Amanda Scott Courtney Beam</p> <p>12th Grade</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All A's</i></p> <p>Felicia Beam Kimberly Hall Joy King Shelly Sims</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A-B</i></p> <p>Olivia Guzman Robb Harrell Jodie Hilliard Kimberly McCorkle Alexa Moore Danielle Parker Drew Peterson Keith Treadaway David Wilson Michael Blair Shea Kelton Scott Thompson Felicia Pullen</p>

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Wednesday, January 22, was a great day to be in the park if you were a member of the 125 pt. club at Bronte Elementary. Mr. Howell took 23 students ranging from 2nd grade through 6th to the park to eat lunch and then just have an afternoon of fun. These students had all earned at least 125 points on Electronic Bookshelf at the end of the third six weeks. They included Philip Rawlings, Nick Flores, Jesse Herold, Kanah Coalson, Jessica Compton, Tanner Corder, Ashley Denton, Melissa Flores, Roy Lee Flores, B.J. Hall, Kailey Howell, Joseph Isreal, Britney McCutchen, Casey McKee, Justin Moore, Ashley Torres, Chase Williams, Diane Womack, Cody Blaylock, Kayla Hilliard, Michael Johnson, Lindsey Williams, and Lillian McMullan.

Students raise money for St. Jude

Did you know that cancer is the leading disease killer of American children and that St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is the leading center for the conquest of these killers? By viewing a video tape, the students at Bronte Elementary were made aware of these facts and agreed to participate in a Bike-A-Thon to raise money to help fund cancer research. Students asked their friends and families to sponsor them by pledging a certain amount of money for each mile they rode

during the contest.

The following students did an outstanding job and have shown their compassion and caring for children who are so desperately ill with cancer. The prizes they were awarded were based on the amount of donations they brought in.

Philip Rawlings, Rebecca Rawlings, Raena Shephard, and Zachary Shephard each received a certificate.

A certificate and a t-shirt were presented to Blaine Dyess, Jamie Vivian, Anthony Vivian, Mason Jackson, Justin Taylor, James Graves, Casey Harris, Ashley Turner, Haydan White, and Matthew

Compton. Receiving a certificate, t-shirt, and a sports bag were Gus Saunders, Garrett Jackson, Meagan Rosenquist, Jeffrey Jones, Shane Jones, and Zachary White.

Arrott Named to Dean's List

Nicholas E. Arrott, a former Bronte High School student, was recently named to the Dean's List at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. Students named to the Dean's List must be enrolled as full-time students and maintain a 3.75 or higher GPA.

Nick is a business major and his parents are Susan Cumbie Williams and Nick Arrott of Bronte.

BISD board minutes

The Bronte Independent School Board held a Special Meeting on January 23, 1997, at 6:00 pm for a TASB Policy Review Seminar. Jim Williams, TASB Policy Consultant, held the seminar.

The regular board meeting followed the special meeting with the following business being conducted:

The Principals' reports on their respective campuses was heard.

Reinvested funds in a 6 month CD with First National Bank, Bronte.

Approved alternative campus application for CCJJC.

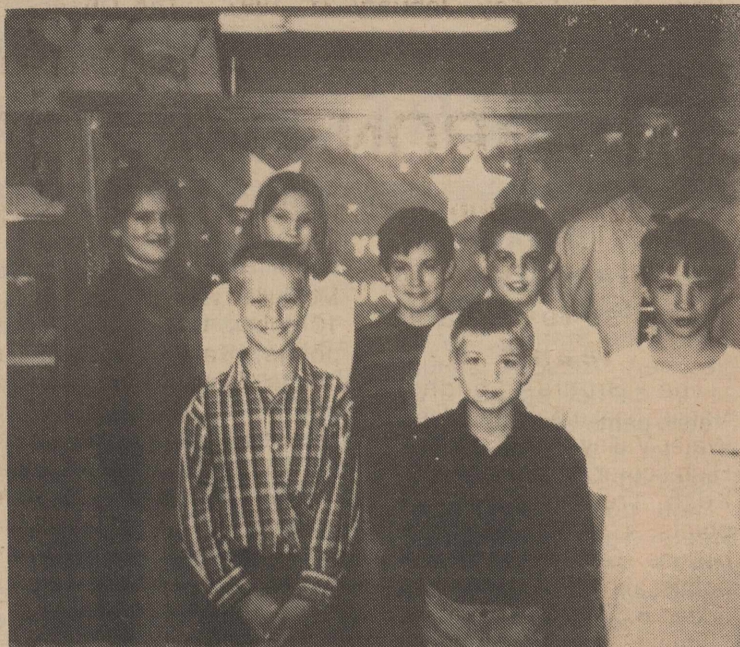
Let bids for 1997 Suburban and approved the purchase of an 18 foot flatbed trailer.

Changed board meeting in March to the 20th.

Discussed salary schedules.

Discussed the evaluations of the principals.

Extended superintendent's



The Bronte "A" honor roll students enjoyed lunch with Mr. Howell, elementary principal.

contract to three years.

Accepted the written resignation of Anita Corder, teacher/coach.

Heard the superintendent's report on the progress of the track, art building, and CCJJC. Auction set for January 25th, 10 am at the old ag building.

The superintendent recognized the Board of Trustees collectively and individually for their time and dedication to the Bronte School District. Certificates of appreciation were handed out to each board member.

The December bills were paid by the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 pm.

Scholarship deadline announced

High school students who are U.S. citizens and have a grade point average of 'B' or better are eligible for a \$1000 college scholarship. To receive an application, send a

request by March 15, 1997 to the Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation at 721 North McKinley Road, PO Box 5012, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5012; fax a request to (847) 295-3972; or e-mail a request to "scholar@ecilf.com".

All requests for applications must include the student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of high school, approximate GPA, and year in school during the 1996-1997 academic year.

Applications will be fulfilled by mail only, on or about April 11, 1997. One hundred and seventy-five (175) winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities and some consideration for financial need. A total of \$175,000 will be awarded.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bronte exchange has petitioned the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to expand its local calling area to the Abilene and Robert Lee exchanges. To learn more about this petition, you may contact the petition coordinator, Pat Martindale at 915-473-3501. Expanded Toll-Free Local Calling (ELC) Service will allow you to call and be called by the requested exchange(s) on a local call basis (no toll charges). Since Bronte customers already pay a monthly per line charge of \$3.50 for residence and \$7.00 for business for ELC service to Ballinger and San Angelo, no additional charges would be assessed if two additional exchanges pass the ballot. The fees associated with ELC are mandatory.

Within the next 15 days GTE will mail ballots to all customers in the Bronte exchange to determine whether support exists for expansion of the local calling area. After marking the ballot, customers should sign their name and return the ballot to the PUC. A stamped self-addressed envelope will be provided with the ballot. At least 70% of the subscribers who return their ballots must vote in favor of expanded local calling on a per exchange basis for it to be provided. If the ballot fails to all exchanges, your service will not change. Only exchanges that pass the ballot will be added to your local calling area.

The PUC has assigned this matter Project No. 16775. Interested persons should direct any comments that they may have about the petition to the PUC, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or they may call the PUC Information Office at (512) 936-7140 or (512) 936-7136, teletypewriter for the deaf.

AVISO PUBLICO

El intercambio de Bronte ha solicitado a la Comisión de Servicio Público de Texas ("Public Utility Commission of Texas-PUC") la expansión de la área de sus llamadas locales, a los intercambios de Abilene y Robert Lee. Para aprender mas respecto a esta solicitud, sírvase contactar con el/la coordinador/a de la solicitud, Pat Martindale al 915-473-3501. Este servicio conocido como llamadas expandidas localmente (Expanded Local Calling-ELC), le permitirá llamar a estos intercambios y ser llamado/a como una llamada local (sin cargos adicionales). Puesto que los clientes de Bronte pagan una tarifa mensual de \$3.50 por cada línea residencial y \$7.00 por cada línea comercial por llamadas expandidas locales a Ballinger y San Angelo, no habrá cambio en la tarifa mensual por dos intercambios adicionales. Las tarifas asociadas con ELC son mandatorias.

Dentro de los próximos quince (15) días GTE despachará por correo boletas a todos los clientes en el intercambio de Bronte con el fin de determinar si existe justificación y respaldo para la expansión de la área de llamadas locales. Luego de marcar la boleta, los clientes deberán firmar su nombre y remitir la boleta a la PUC. Un sobre con estampilla y dirección de retorno será incluido con la misma boleta. Por lo menos 70% de los suscriptores que retornen esta boleta deben dar su voto a favor del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas en base a cada intercambio para que este servicio sea provisto. En caso de que la boleta no satisfaga a todos los intercambios, su servicio no cambiará. Sólomente los intercambios que reciban suficientes votos a favor serán añadidos a su área de llamadas locales.

La PUC ha asignado a este Proyecto el Número 16775. Aquellas personas interesadas deberán dirigir cualquier comentario al respecto a la PUC, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, o llamar a la PUC-Oficina de Información al (512) 936-7140 o (512) 936-7136, teletipo de escribir para las personas que están privadas del sentido del oído.



DEAR CONCERNED TAXPAYERS OF EAST COKE COUNTY,

Living in Bronte, Texas is the height of the American dream. Bronte is a city with the finest nursing home, school, churches and private home-owned businesses, not to mention all the great, friendly people, that will surpass any city, anywhere in the world.

I am a cowboy who likes to saddle a good horse and ride across the range and let the world's problems go by, but when those problems involve our senior citizens who have spent their lifetime trying to make things better for us, I have to take it more seriously.

We, the taxpayers, voted a bond issue to expand our local nursing home and it is very nice, but it has not yet brought in the needed income. The First National Bank of Bronte very kindly stepped in and kept the nursing home going as long as it needed help. Now, we, the taxpayers, vote a tax rollback so that we cannot pay back our, the taxpayer's indebtedness. I doubt there is one taxpayer in East Coke County that has not been aided by our local bank either directly or indirectly. Shall we let them bite the bullet? No, I certainly hope not.

We have had numerous directors of the Bronte Nursing Home who were all good, honest, caring people and gave of their time and energy to help our elderly who were in need of loving care. These directors keep a staff of kind, loving, caring employees for our clients. Shall we now say to these directors that we are sorry that they wasted their time and energy? No, I certainly hope not. After much thought on the subject, I believe the present board of directors would be a great asset to any corporation or firm in America if they were sitting on their board. We, the taxpayers, are getting their services free. I believe they have the knowledge, wisdom and spiritual insight to do what is correct and make it work. Let us support them whole heartedly.

Our Lord said, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." This is spoken many times in the New Testament as a commandment. The members of the Bronte Nursing Home are my neighbors. The members of the First National Bank are my neighbors. I shall love them and try to help them.

If such things as the tax rollback for the East Coke County Hospital District are allowed, next someone will be complaining that we are paying too much school tax so we should cut back on that tax and by doing so compromise our children's educations. Then, we could sell the bank to a large holding company and each of us could become just a number instead of a friend.

Taxpayers, wake up! Those that voted for the tax rollback pay a very small percent of the tax. Some of them pay none. However, nearly each one campaigning for the tax rollback has had a close family member in the Bronte Nursing Home who received excellent care.

No one from the Bronte Nursing Home or the First National Bank of Bronte asked me to write this or even are aware of me writing it. It is my personal belief and feeling that we should take our rollback checks and maybe add a little to them and apply it to our debt. I Timothy 6:10 says, "For the love of money is the root of all evil." Shall we ask our pocketbooks what to do or ask our hearts what is right?

I sincerely thank you for taking the time to read this. Please let your hearts guide you in this matter.

Your servant in Christ,
Clarence Noble Webb, Jr.

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Steer basketball results

The Robert Lee Steers hosted the Sterling City Eagles here Tuesday, January 21 in district action. The Steers came up short in their hunt for a win falling to the Eagles 43-54.

High point man for the Steers was Jerrod Pitcock with 11. Rocky Coates lit the board with 10, Matthew Millican 8, Chad Helwig and B.J. Bessent 5 each, and Eli Boxell 4.

The Steers were in Bronte Friday night, January 24 to face off against cross-county rivals Bronte. In a tight match that had the fans on both sides of the court holding their collective breath, the Steers pulled out a one point victory, defeating the Horns 52-51.

Jerrod Pitcock tipped in 14 points to take high point honors. Rocky Coates hit for 8, Eli Boxell 7, Matthew Millican 6, Chad Helwig 4, Jason Tavarez 3, B.J. Bessent 3, and Jerrod Copeland 2.

Lady Steers split wins

The Lady Steers defeated visiting Sterling City here Tuesday, January 21 to begin district competition on the right foot. The Ladies handed Sterling City a 61-51 loss.

Shalon Waldrop was top scorer for RL with 21. Bree Bolding and Kizzie Howell each hit for 11 points, Jen-

nifer Scott tipped in 10, Kanan Millican 6, and Brandi Brosh 2.

The Ladies were in Bronte Friday evening and dropped that game to the hosting Lady Horns 40-55. Shalon Waldrop again took top scoring honors with 18. Jennifer Scott hit for 6, Kizzie Howell 4, and Brandi Brosh 1.

RLJV Basketball

Robert Lee's JV teams hosted Sterling City here Tuesday evening, January 21.

The Lady Steers were defeated by the visiting team 23-37. Whitney Montgomery was high pointer for the Ladies with 10. Kim Gloria hit for 6.

The Ladies traveled to Bronte Friday evening and hung on to win a tight contest 24-21.

The boys JV team were also up against Sterling City Tuesday evening. They too, had some offensive difficulties and fell to the visitors 31-49. Justin Francis was high point man with 17. Joel Gallegos tipped in 8, Ross Schultz 4, and Jeremy Eaton 2.

The JV boys hit the road for Bronte Friday evening, January 24 and made the evening exciting for those in attendance by defeating the Horns in a close game 48-47.

High point man for the Steers was Justin Francis with 24. Matthew Pitcock tipped in 11, Joel Gallegos 6, Ross Schultz 4, and Jeremy Eaton 3.

RLJH Basetkball

Robert Lee Junior High "A" teams traveled to Water Valley Saturday, January 25 to compete in tournament play. The girls came back Saturday evening with the Championship, while the boys took second in the tournament.

Robert Lee's "A" girls defeated a tough Garden City team in their first game 27-19. Jodie Helwig hit for 10 points to take top scoring honors for Robert Lee. Cayla Jeffrey scored 7 points, Whitney Millican 4, Shanna Wojtek 2, DeShira Dickey 2, and Dixie Simpson 2.

The girls took the court against Bronte's girls Saturday night for the championship game. RL defeated the Bronte girls 31-22. Cayla Jeffrey was high pointer for RL with 11. Dixie Simpson and Jodie Helwig tipped in 6 points each, Tiffany Copeland 4, DeShira Dickey 2, and Dee Van Huss 2.

The Dogies were up against hosting Water Valley for their first game Saturday morning. The game was close with the lead changing hands several times, but RL managed to hold on to the win 27-23. High point man for the Dogies was Beau Blair with 10 points. Beau Boxell hit for 8, Lewis Samaniego 4, John Burdett 2, Zeke Montgomery 2, and James Gallegos 1.

Robert Lee was up against Bronte for the championship title. The Dogies couldn't get

the offense going and lost the game 36-29 in spite of a late scoring drive. Beau Boxell was high pointer for RL with 11. Lewis Samaniego hit for 8, Beau Blair 6, John Burdett 2, and Zeke Montgomery 2.

Monday night all four JH teams were on the road to Sterling City. The 'B' girls started off the action with a 19-12 win over the hosting team. Amber Freeman was high point lady for the girls with 7. Melissa Landeros hit for 6, Leticia Olguin 2, Trichelle Gray 2, and Bobbie Sparks 2.

The 'B' boys had a tough time falling to the 'B' Sterling boys 19-26. Casey Eubanks was high pointer for RL with 7. Sammy Minjarez, Colby Eubanks, Trent McCabe, Michael Sockwell, Brady Bolding and Charles Abalos each hit for 2 points.

The 'A' girls were up next. They handily defeated Sterling City 25-9. Jodie Helwig was high pointer with 8. Whitney Millican scored 7, Shanna Wojtek 2, Cayla Jeffrey 2, Dee Van Huss 2, Dixie Simpson 2, and Kizre Matthews 2.

The Dogies followed up with one of the most exciting games of the evening. Robert Lee's squad took a 2 point lead into the half and the game remained nip and tuck until the final minutes when the Dogies pulled ahead to take a 37-31 win. Beau Boxell was high point man for the Dogies with 17 points, Beau Blair hit for 8, Lewis Samaniego 7, and James Gallegos 4.

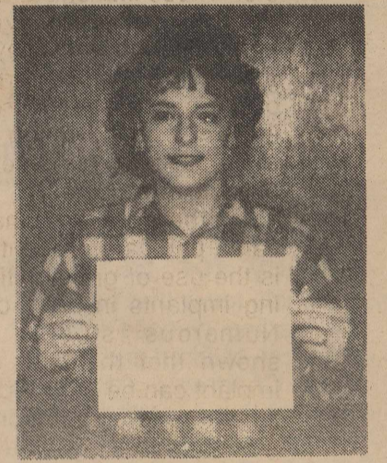
RL "B" Tourney

Robert Lee junior high will host a "B" team tournament Saturday, February 1 at the Robert Lee high school gym.

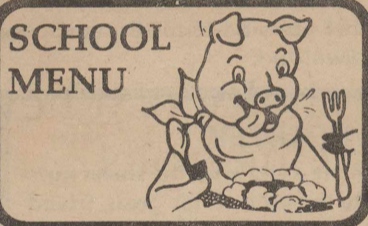
Robert Lee's girls will kick off the tourney at 9:00 am against Water Valley. The girls will play again at 3:00 against Garden City. Robert Lee's "B" boys will play Water Valley at 9:45 and face off against Garden City at 3:45.

Super Bowl contest held at RL Elem.

January 24, 1997 the Third Annual Super Bowl Contest took place in the Robert Lee Band Hall. Competing teams were the Kindergarten Panthers, First Grade Cowboys, and the Second Grade Dolphins. Each team member had to correctly identify, play or answer a question about band instruments. The final score was Panthers 8, Cowboys 11, and the Dolphins 13. The Dolphins made a sign to hang up in the band hall and each received a medal for winning the Super Bowl.



Kelly Millican was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by Concho Valley Council of Governments for her work as Transportation Driver for the Thunderbird van.



Menu subject to change

Breakfast

Monday, Feb. 3
Donut, Cold Cereal, Milk, Orange Juice.

Tuesday, Feb. 4
Biscuits & Sausage w/Gravy, Orange Juice, Milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 5
Cinnamon Roll, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.

Thursday, Feb. 6
Breakfast Bagel, Orange Juice, Milk.

Friday, Feb. 7
Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday, Feb. 3
Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Applesauce, Teddy Grahams, Milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 4
Chicken Nuggets w/Barbecue Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Peas, Homemade Rolls, Peaches, Milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 5
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Sliced Bread, Fruit Cocktail, Milk.

Thursday, Feb. 6
Chili con Carne w/Crackers, Potato Patty, Pears, Spice Cake, Milk.

Friday, Feb. 7
Ham & Cheese Sub, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Tator Tots, Chocolate Pudding, Milk.

Robert Lee ISD Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

Robert Lee Elementary	Cooper Riley	DeShira Dickey	Angela Abalos	Eric Hill
3rd Grade	Shelby Roe	Jeannie Eaker	Holly Copeland	Tracy Millican
McCown	Robert Lee High School	Audra Nichols	Amanda Cunningham	Robin Sevier
Cara Eaton	7th Grade	Dixie Simpson	Jeremy Edging	Melissa Smith
Lance Millican	AIIA's	Dee VanHuss	Lori Eubanks	Chris Torres
Shawna Seals	Bret Ballew	9th Grade	Kim Gloria	12th Grade
Leslie Smith	Jaime Chesshir	AIIA's	Justin Kendall	AIIA's
Devoll	Trichelle Gray	B.J. Bessent	Michael Munoz	Brandi Brosh
Tiffany Bagwell	Jodee Helwig	Daniel Cates	Jaime Olguin	Daryl Calder
Analy Gallegos	Amy Leugers	Jeremy Eaton	Bill Torres	Meagan Hill
Shannon Martin	Rachelle Mills	Joel Gallegos	11th Grade	Christina Marshall
Cassidy Wink	Bobby Sparks	Macy Hill	AIIA's	Rachel Shook
4th Grade	Shanna Wojtek	Melanie Johnson	Eli Boxell	Shalon Waldrop
Davis	A-B	Jamie Luna	Tara Bruning	A-B
Lindsey Roe	Adam Cates	Christian DeLosSantos	Dustin Clendennen	Rocky Coates
Jake McCabe	Casey Eubanks	Coke Hendry	Brandy Cunningham	Jerrod Copeland
Julie Riley	Colby Eubanks	Dan McCown	Rebecca Emert	Donny Edging
Bessent	Amanda Kuhl	Cassandra Munoz	Stacy Hendry	Kizzie Howell
Kayli Dickey	Melissa Landeros	Cecelia Ortega	Chris Woods	Chad Leugers
5th Grade	Kelly Long	Matthew Pitcock	Matthew Millican	Bobby Longoria
Wilson	Whitney Millican	A-B	Jessica Key	Kannan Millican
Phillip Arellano	Amy Riley	8th Grade	A-B	Starsky Oleksiuk
Jennifer Fluhmann	8th Grade	AIIA's	Polo Arellano	Michael Pentecost
Jessica Fluhmann	Justin Fluhmann	Amber Freeman	Bree Bolding	Jerrod Pitcock
Becky Leugers	Amber Freeman	James Gallegos	Maria Gallegos	Korey Pitcock
6th Grade	James Gallegos	Cayla Jeffrey	Tonya Gardner	Jason Tavarez
Burns	Cayla Jeffrey	Erin Millican	Joe Gonzales	Freddy Wojtek
Amber Brosh	Erin Millican	Chase Rainwater	Jimmy Gray	
April Cowart	Chase Rainwater	A-B		
Ty Gardner	A-B	Mary Arellano		
Amie Kendall	Mary Arellano	Robert Barrett		
Stewart Millican	Robert Barrett	Beau Blair		
Amber Robinson	Beau Blair	Clifton Bohannon		
Mia Lopez	Clifton Bohannon	John Burdett		
Juan Olguin	John Burdett	Tiffany Copeland		
Gardner	Tiffany Copeland			
Ashlee Millican				

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Easy management of calves for profit

With today's cattle industry, each dollar received for weaned calves could be the difference between profit and loss. There are several management practices that many producers take for granted that could significantly increase herd production and profits of cow-calf or stocker operations.

One basic management practice often neglected is proper immunization of baby calves against Blackleg, Malignant edema, Sordelli, Black disease, 3-way Leptospirosis, etc. These immunizations are relatively inexpensive per animal and though they don't exactly enhance performance of the calf, prevention of losing a 400 pound calf to one of these deadly diseases can buy lots of vaccine.

Another practice that became popular in recent years is the use of growth stimulating implants in baby calves. Numerous studies have shown that the cost of the implant can be returned many times over through increased growth with very little initial costs. There are several types and brands of implants to fit the age and sex of the calves implanted. Over 35 years of studies have shown that suckling calves growth rate can be stimulated up to 14 percent with the use of implants and weaned calves or stockers can have increased gains of 6-30 percent when implanted.

One of the most overlooked management practices of beef cattle is early conception rate in the cow herd. Calves typically gain 1.8 pounds or

more per day from birth to weaning, therefore the quicker that cow breeds back the quicker her calf can generate revenue to offset the cow's production costs. One of the best ways to ensure early conception in cattle is with the use of estrous synchronization.

In a four year study in central Texas, cattle were artificially inseminated following estrous synchronization. Even though only 36 percent of the cows were bred on the first cycle artificially, this resulted in 158 calves from 440 cows and these calves were conceived on the average of 26 days earlier than other calves. With the figure of 1.8 pounds per day gain, these calves were 47 pounds heavier than their herd-mates. At today's cattle prices, that figures to be \$15.50 per mating over the herd-mates. With natural breeding following estrous synchronization, early conception should increase even more dramatically. With the relative low cost of synchronization, this increase could mean the difference between profit and loss for your cow herd this coming year. Another more subtle benefit realized by synchronization is the transformation of the entire herd's calving season into a shorter time period. This allows you to watch cows more closely, work calves at one time and have a more uniform calf crop when they are ready to market.

For further information on cattle herd management practices contact the County Extension Office.

RLISD board meeting minutes

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday, January 20, 1997 at 6:30 pm in the high school library. All members were present. The following business was conducted.

*Minutes of the previous meeting and bills were approved.

*A parental complaint and discipline problem were discussed. No action was warranted.

*Superintendent Hood recommended the drivers education fee be set at \$100 per student. Patricia Ballew will teach the classes with classes starting January 27, 1997 at 7:00 am. The recommendation was approved.

*Two new instructional programs, a computer program for Vocational Agriculture and Saxon phonics for the first grade, were approved.

*Transportation problems were addressed with approval to repair one bus and purchase a new 19 passenger bus for the 1997-98 school year.

*The 1996-97 budget was amended to cover some unexpected costs.

*The elementary principal position was discussed with a decision to hold the position open until applications can be taken. Selection process will

start after the deadline for applications has been set.

*TASB policy Update 53 was distributed for study.

*Mr. Gardner gave his report of high school activities.

*The board set Mr. Hood's salary for the 1997-98 school year.

*Superintendent Hood gave his report on the school, progress of building project, board training and various other topics.

*Meeting was adjourned.

The next regular scheduled board meeting is February 18, 1997 at 6:30 pm. The public is both invited and encouraged to attend.

Drug improves symptoms of Alzheimer's

Aricept, a new drug approved for Alzheimer's disease, improves the symptoms and daily functioning of many patients.

"In more than 900 mild to moderate Alzheimer's patients studied nationwide, 80 percent showed improvement or didn't get any worse," said Dr. Rachell Doody, clinical director of the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Aricept was tested for five years in clinical trials involving more than 30 centers in the United States. Approved by the Food and Drug Administration in late November 1996, it is expected to be available in most pharmacies by mid-January or early February.

Doctors measured Aricept's effectiveness by using standard Alzheimer's memory evaluation tests and by interviewing patients and caregivers to assess changes in daily functioning.

"With the drug, we saw patients who became more attentive to their surroundings or who picked up on old routines they had forgotten," said Doody, who led several clinical trials at Baylor.

The drug contains an enzyme that blocks the breakdown of acetylcholine, a neurotransmitter in the brain.

"Acetylcholine is associated with memory and learning and is deficient in Alzheimer's patients," she said. "Blocking the breakdown helps patients keep more acetylcholine in the brain."

The medication is taken once a day and has few side effects.

"Less than 10 percent of all the patients studied had to stop taking it because of side effects," Doody said. "Mild side effects included nausea, diarrhea and vomiting that often went away on their own."

While it cannot stop the progression or make a patient return to normal, Doody feels the treatment will be beneficial to a great number of patients.

"With the improvement of symptoms or just the slowing of decline, Aricept brings an improved outlook for many patients and their families," she said. "This is not a cure, but it may provide relief while we wait for a definitive treatment for Alzheimer's."

Walker proclaims membership week

County Judge Jackie Walker has signed a proclamation designating February 3-7 as "Farm Bureau Membership Week" in Coke County.

The week is part of a statewide observance during which county Farm Bureaus will make a special effort to enroll new members, according to John Stephens of Robert Lee, president of the Coke County Farm Bureau.

"The Texas Farm Bureau, with more than 300,000 member families, is influential in both state and national affairs on behalf of agricultures," the proclamation reads.

"Farm Bureau is a grass-roots organization. Its foundation is the county unit. There are 211 organized county Farm Bureaus in the state including the Coke County Farm Bureau," the proclamation states.

John Stephens said the local county Farm Bureau has 723 member families and is seeking to exceed that number in 1997.

He said that the Farm Bureau is a general farm organization that seeks to improve the income of farm and ranch families. The organization represents the farmer and rancher at the local county courthouse, in Austin, and in Washington, D.C.



Judge Jackie Walker

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Christmas season brighter thanks to Bryan's Barn

Christmas lights at Bryan's Barn, located west of Robert Lee on Messbox Creek were especially bright from December 1 through December 31, 1996.

The Bryans have added to the number and variety of lights annually since they started decorating in 1991, but many visitors said, "They've outdone themselves this year."

Most of the lights were put up on weekends when Wilson's "kids," Thema Jo Hinnard, his daughter; Cookie and Molly Burns, his granddaughter and great-granddaughter, all of Robert Lee; and his son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Tillie Bryan of Ballinger and some of their kids, were free from their jobs.

By early October, a typical work day might start with Thelma Jo cooking breakfast with Richard and Tillie helping. The elder Bryans, Wilson and Lucile, usually brought their coffee already made since T.J. doesn't make "that terrible-tasting beverage!"

After breakfast, everybody would fan out to hang lights except Lucile. It's her job to clean up the kitchen and decorate the inside Christmas tree. After a few hours, and Lucile had seen that food was ready, the workers would come in to a late lunch composed of food prepared at home and brought by any family member with anything good and easy to transport. Sometimes, only sandwiches, dips, etc. would be available. Usually an afternoon session of three hours was all the workers wanted, but they always accomplished a lot!

As the first Sunday in December approached, weekends were not enough. Wilson spent most of his time daily adding lights and other devices that made The Barn unique and colorful. Thelma Jo had retired from her job in late October, and she took almost as many steps as he did.

Thanksgiving was to have been a real bonanza with four days to work but cold weather drove the family inside. However, that was productive because there was need for several workers at a time to handle the big table and to take stored boxes out from under it. (Lucile still was not through with the white Christmas tree!)

Lucile's kids are sorry they live too far away to help, but Kitten Plagens and her sons came after Thanksgiving and admired what was already up, and added a few more things. Tony and Jerry Dean and their family came the day after Christmas and helped register the guests and visit with old friends.

Beginning opening night, December 1, Wilson and Lucile were at The Barn every night of the month. The "Kids" took turns helping them to welcome guests and remind them to register. It was wise to always have family members present to answer questions about the many objects and collections on shelves and walls inside The Barn.

Some of the most asked questions were: "How many lights do you have?" "A bunch!"

"Where do you get all this stuff?" "Here, there, and everywhere."

"Have you been collecting all your life?" "Not yet."

"How do you put lights on those sharp points of the cactus plants?" "Very carefully!"

"It must be a lot of work. Why do you do it?" "It's our way of celebrating The Birthday. And besides, consider this: If you know over 6,000 people were coming to see you, wouldn't you want to make as good a showing as possible?"

Examination of the registration books indicates that only 5,518 names were entered during the month, a few less than in '95. However, no matter how hard the Bryans try, a good number of visitors fail to register; and a large number do not go inside, but walk around outside uncounted. Many others drive through and never stop. Unnumbered carloads do not even drive onto the property, but just drive down the road, cross the creek, turn around and pass back by the entrance gate.

Wilson reached a "guesstimate" in this way: If even as few as one third of the 5,518 who registered drove in with an average of 3 people in each car, then there must have been well over 7,000 people who saw the lights." Friends say that is probably underestimated.

Many visitors were drawn to The Barn through the interesting articles by Rick Smith and Jane Jeschke in *The Standard Times* early in December. Others learned of the location through KLST-TV in San Angelo and Station KMID in Midland, who gave good coverage. West Texas Utilities, when mailing bills, advised that people might "call 453-2692 in Robert Lee for information concerning Christmas lights." Numerous people did call and visited later. Word-of-mouth was a very productive "visitor-getter," but probably the most far-reaching help came from *Texas Highways* magazine.

In the December 1996 issue, *Texas Highways* published a brief story in its 'For The Road' department which gave the "who, what, where, when and how to get there" facts that made The Barn easy to find. That information had been given to Jill Lawless, managing editor, and Lori Moffatt, associate editor, by Jeffie Roberts and Lucile Bryan through letters and telephone conversations. Both editors hoped to visit The Barn, but their schedules were too crowded. However, Lana Robinson of Cranfills Gap was able to make the visit instead.

Lana is a free-lance writer with whom many farm and ranch people in this area are familiar. She is news editor of *Texas Agriculture*, the periodical of Texas Farm Bureau. Lana writes a column, 'Little Spouse on the Prairie,' that features her husband, Melvin, as an expert bungler, which he certainly is not in real life. Lana's newly published book, *The Best of Little Spouse on*

the Prairie, is available in bookstores and on the internet.

On December 22, Lana, Melvin, and his brother, Roy Lee, and his wife, Johnni, drove to Robert Lee and spent the afternoon and early evening at The Barn with the Bryans. The group explored the six acre premises, marveling at the beauty of the daytime reflections in Messbox Creek and the abundance of lights glittering on trees, fences, and "anything that stands still." Lana asked many questions and took copious notes for an article she will write for *Texas Highways*.

The Barn lights were turned on at dusk as usual, and as they became brighter with full darkness of evening, the usual conversation subsided. Lana, who is an expert with written and spoken word, stood somewhat speechless. As she gazed at the beauty of so many lights, she shook her head in disbelief and admitted that she was "astonished at the spectacle."

Another added interest at Bryan's Barn related to Christmas '96 was the visit of Weiman Meinzer, famous outdoor photographer from Benjamin, Texas. His reputation as "the best of the best" in his profession had reached the Bryans before he did, and he surely lived up to their expectations. Weiman is author of several books, one of which the Bryans acquired soon after his visit. They, like many readers before them, were surprised to learn of his fascination with roadrunners; of all birds. He answered the question in his preface by writing that they had "the most fascinating personality." His

book documents that fact with 115 outstanding photographs with a brief explanation of the situation and setting of each. Those pictures, plus the thirty pages of interesting facts about the bird's lifestyle, make this book, published in 1993, a wonderful introduction to the not-so-handsome roadrunner.

Weiman's photos began to be published in 1979. In 1985, he was highlighted by *Sports Afield* as one of the five top outdoor photographers of America. His name can be found in many current publications around the world, including *Texas Highways*, famous for its excellent pictures.

Weiman visited Bryan's Barn January 1, 1997, and spent enough daylight time to be thoroughly acquainted with inside and outside areas. There was ample time to enjoy visiting, hearing about his family, his career, and his two active boys who are as fond of nature and its creatures as their father. After pizza, Dr. Pepper, and T.J.'s good pumpkin pie, Weiman began his work at dusk.

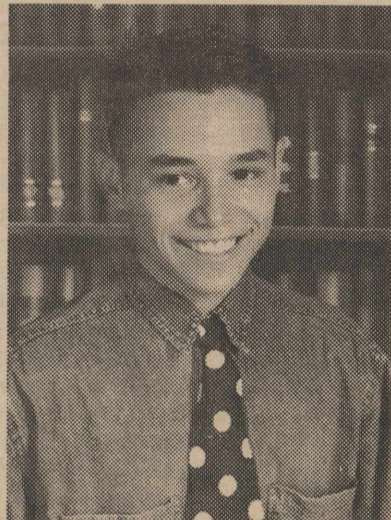
It was a real pleasure to watch the expert in action. With his good equipment, his vitality, and his love of his work, he snapped his camera many times, but never until he was sure his subject, his lighting, and his distance were correct. Jeffie, a fair amateur photographer herself, thoroughly enjoyed helping Weiman by holding a piece of equipment at a correct distance as he directed.

Weiman's last shots were of the Bryans and friends, with the final shot timed so he could snap himself with the Bryans. He smiled, "I want one to show Hunter and Pate

when I get home tonight."

Needless to say, the Bryans thoroughly enjoyed both the journalist and her family and the photographer, not just because they are both famous in certain circles, but because they were so down-to-earth, so warm and friendly, and were so eager to do the job *Texas Highways* asked them to do. That will inevitably further the cause of Bryan's Barn which is so dear to their hearts. The article and picture are expected to appear in the December 1997 issue.

As of this date, last year's lights are down and stored carefully. Even before thoroughly resting from the physical labor, plans are constantly popping into all of the family's heads that will enhance the scene this year. It is already 1997, you know, and, December is on its way!



Aaron Rodriguez
Ballplayer freshman year.
Little League Coach sophomore year.
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December 28, 1993
San Antonio, TX

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★ Samantha Morrow	★ Sarah Jeter	★ Jenifer Breshers	★ Keshia Sudham	★ Elizabeth Camarillo
★ Brett Wills	★ Ambra Cole	★ Angel Padilla	★ Stephanie Cantrell	★ A-B
★ Elias Hinkle	★ Justin Grove	★ Darin Burwick	★ A-B	★ James Cantell
★ A-B	★ A-B	★ Michale Pate	★ Leticia Camarillo	★ B. J. Marshall
★ Brandi Hill	★ Rosalinda Camarillo	★ 7th Grade	★ Tony Dove	★ Shawn Roberson
★ Garritt Harris	★ Melenda Solis	★ AIIA's	★ Cristi Matthews	★ Joanie Ussery
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★ Angelica Sims	★ Sharla Holland	★ A-B	★ Leman Saunders	★ AIIA's
★ 2nd Grade	★ Heather Jones	★ Will Blaine	★ Kyle Weatherwax	★ Carye Adkins
★ AIIA's	★ Ryan Ragland	★ Jennifer Dove	★ 10th Grade	★ Nathan Hayes
★ Luke Calhoun	★ Kayla Saunders	★ Jamie Hodges	★ AIIA's	★ Rose Melton
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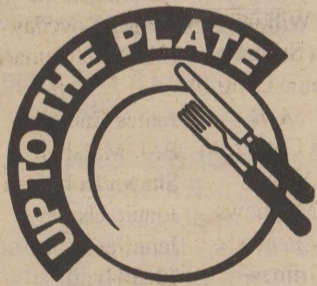
(DM)—Stuffed bell peppers have been a mainstay of American family dinners for decades. The next time they're on your menu, give them a new, intriguing taste. In Sweetly Spiced Stuffed Bell Peppers, the traditional ground beef mixture gets a flavor lift from the addition of raisins and Kikkoman Teriyaki Baste & Glaze. The great taste of bottled teriyaki baste & glaze provides just the right flavor balance to transform this economical entree into a special treat. Add a side dish of fluffy mashed potatoes and no one will be late for dinner again!

SWEETLY SPICED STUFFED BELL PEPPERS

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|---|--|
| 3 small green bell peppers | 1/3 cup Kikkoman Teriyaki Baste & Glaze |
| 1 pound lean ground beef | 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions |
| 1 egg, slightly beaten | 3/4 teaspoon garlic powder |
| 1/2 cup soft bread crumbs (about 1 slice) | 1 tablespoon Kikkoman Teriyaki Baste & Glaze |
| 1/3 cup seedless raisins | |

Cut bell peppers lengthwise in half; discard seeds. Thoroughly combine beef, egg, bread crumbs, raisins, 1/3 cup teriyaki baste & glaze, green onions and garlic powder. Stuff each pepper half with equal amount of beef mixture. Measure 3 Tbsp. water in 13- x 9-inch baking pan. Place stuffed peppers in single layer in pan. Cover pan with foil; bake in 375°F. oven 40 minutes. Discard foil; brush tops of beef mixture with 1 Tbsp. teriyaki baste & glaze. Bake 5 minutes longer, or until peppers are tender. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Makes 6 servings.
Each serving: 231 calories, 11g fat, 82mg chole., 497mg sodium, 17g carb., 16g protein.



One in a series of articles assessing producer-funded marketing efforts that help move beef from farm-to-fork.

Promotion Combines Two Family Favorites

If cheese and burgers didn't go so well together, there wouldn't be a word that combines them so naturally. Now, thanks to a joint summer promotion between the beef industry and Kraft Foods, cheese and ground beef will be even more popular, with new beef and cheese recipes for busy families—as well as money-off coupons for ground beef.

The program includes distribution of ground beef and cheese recipes in 15,000 high-volume targeted grocery stores nationwide. As an additional bonus, 100 million 50-cents-off ground beef coupons are being distributed twice during the summer through newspapers across the country and 4.5 million mail-in offers for \$1-off ground beef purchases. In addition, more than 2 million beef and Kraft Cheese recipe brochures are available at grocery store cheese cases.

The "Fast Family Favorites" meat case recipe brochure includes Cheese "Steak" Pizza, Beef and Parmesan Pasta, Bistro Cheeseburgers, Beef Chili 'n' Cheddar-Topped Potatoes and Beef and Cheese Burritos. All of the recipes, developed and tested in the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Culinary Center, are ready in 30 minutes or less and feature versatile ground beef paired with cheese.

Cents-off coupons are being redeemed by Kraft Foods. Additional funding is being provided by beef producers through the national beef checkoff, a \$1-per-head assessment collected on animals at the time of marketing. The program is being coordinated by NCBA, a consumer-driven, producer-directed organization representing all segments of the beef cattle industry.

"These kinds of alliances help extend the beef producer's checkoff marketing capabilities and reach," said Ralph Cellon, a beef producer from Alachua, Fla., and chairman of the NCBA Retail Subcommittee. "In addition, they just help sell more beef."



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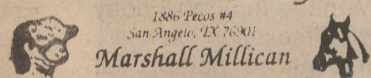
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FOR SALE, LEASE OR RENT
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16a-EOW

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3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Corner lot, 1601 Eucl. Call Coe Lewis, 949-3572.
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Building, 20 x 32 ft., 640 sq. ft. Formerly beauty shop. Call 453-4786.
16-tnc

HOUSE FOR RENT
2 BR brick, fireplace, LR, den, 2 bath in Robert Lee. Available February 1, references requested. Call 453-4505 (days) or 453-2669 (evenings).
25-2tc

MISC

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25B-2tc

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26a-1tc

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26a-1tc

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26a-tnc

NOTICES

PUBLIC HEARING
Request on closing of Walnut Road
Hearing scheduled for February 25, 1997, 1:00 pm, Coke County Commissioners' Court Room, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.
25a-2tc

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Coke County Commissioners' Court will receive applications for the Bronte Park Caretakers job until 9:00 am Monday, February 10, 1997. Applications and job description are available in the Coke County Judge's office, Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas. Coke County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
25a-2tc

PUBLIC NOTICE
Bronte I.S.D. is accepting bids on a 1997 suburban. For specifications, contact the Superintendent's Office, Bronte ISD, PO Box 670, Bronte, Texas 76933, Phone (915) 473-2511. Mark the bid envelope as "Sealed Bid" and have the bid in the Superintendent's Office by 4 pm February 12, 1997. Bronte ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
26b-2tc

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE
Saturday, February 1, 8 am til ?, gas stove, chair, clothes, bow & arrow, lots of misc. In back of 201 W. 16th, Robert Lee.
26-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

THE SANDRA DIANE CANTRELL
family would like to express our sincere gratitude for all the calls, cards, flowers and acts of kindness during the loss of our loved one. We would like to give a special thanks to the Blackwell Fire Department for the special dedication, and the Baptist Church of Blackwell for the gracious use of their facilities, and to the ladies who prepared the meals. Your kindness will always be in our hearts.
26b-1tc

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS
our sincere gratitude for the kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one, Francis Greathouse.

Your expressions of concern in cards, flowers, calls, visits, and food were so much appreciated.
A special thanks to the Baptist church and the wonderful ladies that helped serve.

God bless you all!
J.B. & Samantha Robertson & Family of Francis Greathouse
26-1tp

SPECIAL THANKS TO
all my friends and family for the prayers, visits, cards, food, flowers, and all other special acts of kindness during my surgery and hospital stay.
Arthur Runion
26-1tc

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
visits, cards, flowers, phone calls, and prayers during my hospitalization and recovery from a broken hip. Thanks, too, for the delicious food after coming home.
Mary & R.C. Patterson
26-1tc

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS
our appreciation for the prayers, love and concern shown our family during the time following the loss of our loved one, Perry Post. Our thanks to all of you who provided and served food sent flowers, cards and memorial gifts, called and visited us. We have been blessed by our friends and neighbors in this community.
Maxine Post
Stanley and Anne Post
Mike and Kathy Post
Pansy and Clayton Bloodworth
26-1tp

DEAR FRIENDS
Thank you so very much for your prayers, cards, calls, flowers, and your loving kindness during and after the loss of my sister.
We are so thankful to be part of a loving community. Thank you again.
Melba & John Heck
Sheila & John Carver
Pam & Tim Millican
26-1tc

County kids to show at Houston

Ten FFA members from Coke County will be joining other 4-H and FFA members from throughout Texas for show ring competition at the upcoming Houston Livestock Show, February 14 through March 2, at the Astrodome.

These FFA and 4-H exhibitors showcase their animal projects during the second week of livestock competition—the junior show. The first week of competition, the open show, features professional ranchers and breeders from throughout the country exhibiting their breeding stock.

Entries in both the open and junior shows combine with horse show entries to make the Houston Livestock Show the world's largest.

From Robert Lee, Jessica Key and Whitney Montgomery will be competing. Both girls will show in the market barrows division.

Bronte competitors include Brittany Barrett, Shane Briley, Robb Harrell, Kailey Howell, Wes Howell, Danielle Parker, and Dusty White. Brittany will be showing in the market steers and market broilers divisions. Danielle will be showing in market sheep, lambs, and goats, market barrows, and market broilers. Dusty will be showing in the market steers division. Showing in the market barrow division will also be Shane, Kailey and Wes. Robb will also be showing in the market broilers division.

Representing 930 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, the junior show is expected to exceed 15,000 entries this year. A variety of animals is shown in the junior and youth divisions of livestock competition: market steers, market barrows, market lambs, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding sheep, goats, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

The four market animal categories (steers, lambs, barrows and poultry) represent animals raised by the exhibitors as food sources. Top

animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. Last year, junior market auction sales totaled \$4,425,050.

"Sure, we're proud of the generosity of our auction buyers, but we're even more proud of the thousands of Texas students who spend significant hours of energy, resolve and persistence in working with animal projects. The Houston community welcomes these 4-H and FFA members to our city and looks forward to their arrival in February," said Don Jobes Jr., Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo assistant general manager.

In addition to world class livestock competition for two weeks, superior horse show competition also is on the event's agenda. The International Cutting Horse Contest and the Houston Livestock Show Cutting Horse Contest kick off horse show competition beginning Wednesday, February 12. The National Cutting Horse Association World Championship Finals are scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, February 13-16. The 1997 horse show also features competition in seven different breeds including Appaloosa, Arabian, Half Arabian, Miniature, Paint, Palomino, and Quarter Horse.

Go Texan festivities officially launch the 1997 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo the weekend prior to the start of the rodeo, February 6-9. Barbecue cooking fans can enjoy the World Championship Bar-B-Que Contest beginning Thursday, February 6, at 4 pm in the northwest corner of the Astrodome parking lot. The contest continues Friday and Saturday, February 7 and 8. Gates open at 4 pm February 6, at noon February 7, and at 9 am February 8. Judging takes place Saturday, February 8, at 4 pm.

Saturday, February 8, the streets of downtown Houston will fill with hundreds of thousands of spectators for the 59th annual downtown rodeo

parade. The parade, featuring more than 6,000 trail riders, marching bands and colorful floats, will begin at 10 am following the Conoco 10K Rodeo Run. This year's race celebrates its tenth year as the lead-in to the parade and is expected to draw approximately 5,000 runners. All entry fees will be donated to the Show's scholarship fund.

The weekend continues with Go Texan contests held at the Astrodome complex. Dominoes, washer pitching and horseshoe pitching contests take place Saturday in the Astroarena, while hay hauling competition is held in the Astrodome. The team penning competition gets underway Sunday, February 9, in the Astroarena. Winning entries from the Go Texan quilt and photography contests will be on display throughout the duration of the Show in the Western Heritage Gallery.

The adventure is on with Destination: AGventure. This new exhibition site, located outside the west entrance to the Astrodome, will feature entertaining animal-related events and attractions as well as educational exhibits.

The Agricultural Educational Exhibits feature a mini-education in agriculture through exciting displays, the viewing of live animals and talking with industry professionals and university personnel. This exhibit is open daily, 9 am to 9 pm, and is located in Destination: AGventure.

The Country Music Pavilion, located in Destination: AGventure, will spotlight the very best in local entertainment and up-and-coming talent. Show visitors can stop by and listen to premier country singers "up close and personal." The Pavilion is open daily from 9 am to 9 pm, and country music fans can enjoy live performances at various times throughout the day.

It's off to the races with the addition of the new greyhound races. Visitors will be able to watch and cheer the sleek canines as they race on a 300 foot straight-away track.

Races are held in Destination: AGventure daily, 10:30 and 11:30 am; and 12:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 pm.

Another fun family feature will be the petting zoos, with three locations for young and old alike to enjoy holding, feeding and petting the exotic animals. Two petting zoos are located in Destination: AGventure and one in the Double E Plaza between the Astrodome and Astroarena.

The thrilling pig races have returned due to popular demand. The excitement mounts as contestants race around a 150 foot track in a quest for the prized Ore cookie at the finish line. Races are held in Destination: AGventure, February 14 through March 2, at 10 am, noon, and 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 pm.

Education is the key to this exhibit. Rodeo University gives visitors a real feel for the intricacies of the sport of rodeo. The area will have daily postings of the scores and standings from the previous Houston Rodeo performance as well as an autograph corral and an opportunity to meet cowboy athletes, rodeo announcers, bullfighters, and clowns. Located in Destination: AGventure, Rodeo U is open daily from 9 am to 9 pm.

Returning this year is the World of Cattle. This hands-on interactive display is designed to educate and inform visitors about the many aspects involved in cattle. The exhibit is located in Destination: AGventure and is open daily from 9 am to 9 pm.

Also new to the show is the Andalusian Hacienda where visitors can enjoy these beautiful and exotic horses plus food, leather crafts and more from Andalusia, Spain. The Hacienda is located in the Astroarena South annex exhibit area and is open Sundays through Thursdays, 10:30 am to 9 pm, Fridays, 10:30 am to 11 pm, and Saturdays, 9 am to 11 pm.

Another new area to the Show is the Double E Plaza. This tented food court will feature sixteen food and beverage booths, numerous picnic tables for the comfort and convenience of Show patrons, live entertainment, Clydesdale horses and a petting zoo. The Plaza is located between the Astrodome and Astroarena and will be open Sundays through Thursdays, 10:30 am to 9 pm, Fridays, 10:30 am to 11 pm, and Saturdays, 9 am to 11 pm. Petting zoo hours will be 9 am to 9 pm daily.

For a quick lesson in milk production, the Milking Parlor is open! This informative and fun exhibit features education about dairy cows and the entire milk production process through actual milking demonstrations, video presentations, special displays and commentaries by university professors.

The Wild West Show, which will be held in the Astroarena, highlight four amazing acts this year. Times for the Wild West Show are as follows: Tuesday, February 18 through Friday, February 21, and Monday, February 24 through Friday, February 28,

5:30 pm. Who's the fastest of them all? You'll find out at the new Sheep Dog Trials. Trained dogs help shepherd a herd of sheep through an obstacle course to a pen located at the end of the course. The dog performing this feat in the fastest time wins. The trials will be held Sunday, February 16, at 6 pm and Monday, February 17, at 5 pm in the Astrodome's Main Arena.

This year, spectators can take advantage of the Rodeo METRO Express shuttle bus service from five satellite parking sites: the Aramco parking lot at 9009 West Loop South; Gulfgate Mall, located at Loop 610 and IH-45; the METRO Park-n-Ride lot at 7821 N. Shepherd at Steubner Airline; the METRO Park-n-Ride lot at Loop 610 at North Braeswood; and Delmar Stadium, located at West 18th at Mangum. The shuttle service, beginning February 14, will run from 9 am to midnight Saturdays and Sundays and 5 pm to midnight on weeknights. The shuttle bus service also will run for two days during the World Championship Bar-B-Que Contest. The schedule for this weekend is as follows: Friday, February 7, 5 pm to midnight; and Saturday, February 8, 1 pm to midnight.

The 1997 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo begins with horse show competition Wednesday, February 12, followed by other livestock competition beginning Friday, February 14. The first rodeo performance will be held at 7 pm February 14. All events conclude March 2.

SS opens fraud hotline

Officials recently cut the ribbon opening the Social Security Administration's Office of Inspector General (OIG) fraud hotline. The hotline is available for live operator assistance from 10 am to 4 pm EST Monday through Friday. Recorded message service is available and a person can leave a message 24 hours a day. The Office of Inspector General will be hiring approximately 100 new investigative agents to work in offices around the country handling the many fraud referrals it receives.

The hotline telephone number is 1-800-269-0271. In addition, an address is available for reporting suspected fraud for those choosing not to use the telephone hotline. The address is: Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, PO Box 17768, Baltimore, MD 21235.

Social Security's OIG already handles a large number of complaints. In the month of September the office received 269 allegations of fraud. Also, 26 convictions were obtained. The Social Security Administration's Office of Inspector General, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the United States Attorney's offices plan to continue cooperative investigations. The OIG also works with other federal and state law enforcement organizations.

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Bronte Elementary awards listed

Bronte Elementary presented the following awards for the 3rd Six Weeks at an assembly recently.

Kindergarten

These students know their letters A-Q: Jeremy Sanchez, Nicole Reed, Ty Mackey, Jessi England, Chase Hoyt, Samuel Rawlings, Ariel Coalson, and Haleigh Bryant.

These students can tell time: Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Nicole Reed, Ty Mackey, Israel Cecilio, Samuel Rawlings, Chase Hoyt, and Prescilla Lara.

These students can count, recognize, and understand numbers 0-10: Jessi England, Nicole Reed, Samuel Rawlings, Ty Mackey, Ariel Coalson, Chase Hoyt, Israel Cecilio, and Prescilla Lara.

These students know their rhyming words: Israel Cecilio, Ariel Coalson, Sam Rawlings, Nicole Reed, Prescilla Lara, and Jessi England.

These students earned their Good Friend award: Ashley Fisher, Ashley Royall, Kendra Fuentez, and Ariel Coalson.

These students earned the Super Worker award: Nicole Reed, Callan Clark, Israel Cecilio, and Haleigh Bryant.

These students received Perfect Attendance awards: Jessi England, Callan Clark, Samuel Rawlings, Ty Mackey, Ariel Coalson, Ashley Royall, Nicole Reed, Kendra Fuentez, Prescilla Lara, and Israel Cecilio.

First Grade

These students received Perfect Attendance awards: Angela Arant, John Basquez, Chris Brown, Kayla Carper, Sabrina Catano, Estephanie Flores, Casey Harris, Kyler Lee, Matthew Luna, Pedro Rodriguez, Gus Saunders, Zachary Shephard, and Anthony Vivian.

These students received the Citizenship award for keeping their cars on green light on our behavior spotlight for the entire six weeks: Kayla Carper, Sabrina Catano, Estephanie Flores, Savannah Martinez, and Gus Saunders.

These students received the Responsibility award for returning homework, turning in all their work, and putting their name on all their papers: Estephanie Flores and Gus Saunders.

These students received the Math Whiz award for completing math facts quickly and accurately: Estephanie Flores and Gus Saunders.

This student received the Time Management award for using their time wisely at all times: Gus Saunders.

This student received the Handwriting award: Savannah Martinez.

These students received the Phonics award for being able to read any one syllable short vowel word: Angela Arant, John Basquez, Everick Boalts, Chris Brown, Kayla Carper, Sabrina Catano, Estephanie Flores, Christopher Guzman, Casey Harris, Jessica Davis, Kyler Lee, Matthew Luna, Lora Martinez, Savannah Martinez, Pedro Rodriguez, Gus Saunders, Zachary Shephard, and Anthony Vivian.

Second Grade

These students received the Good Handwriting award: Alonzo Martinez, Philip Rawlings, Ashley Turner, and Rebekah Beauchamp.

These students received the Perfect Attendance award: Cassandra Catano, Katie Cooper, Patty Galvan, Mason Jackson, Philip Rawlings, Logan Rawls, Juston Taylor, Ashley Turner, and Jamie Vivian.

These students received the addition facts Math Wizard award: Philip Rawlings and Logan Rawls.

These students participated in the Electronic Bookshelf Program: Joe Boalts, Steven Brown, Cassandra Catano, Katie Cooper, Patty Galvan, Mason Jackson, Shane Jones, Alonzo Martinez, Philip Rawlings, Logan Rawls, Juston Taylor, Ashley Turner, Jeremy Uber, Jamie Vivian, and Rebekah Beauchamp.

Third Grade

The students received the Good Citizenship award: Sarah Basquez, Shayla Daniel, Curtis Moore, Bailey Saunders, Jaylon Saunders, Cheyenne Webb, and Rebecca Rawlings.

These students received the Handwriting award: Sarah Basquez and Megan Gibbs.

These students received the Addition Wizard award: Matthew Compton, Megan Gibbs, Lillian McMullan, and Rebecca Rawlings.

These students received awards for participating in the Electronic Bookshelf program: Sarah Basquez, 44 points; Lindsey Butler, 15; Riley Coalson, 3; Matthew Compton, 19; Shayla Daniel, 3; Megan Gibbs, 7; Christan Kelly, 22; Rosie Lara, 8; C.T. Lloyd, 17; Lillian McMullan, 79; Rebecca Rawlings, 21; Meagan Rosenquist, 50; Bailey Saunders, 20; Jaylon Saunders, 34; Dustin Thomason, 10.

These students received the Perfect Attendance award: Sarah Basquez, Lindsey Butler, Matthew Compton, Megan Gibbs, Lillian McMullan, Curtis Moore, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, Jaylon Saunders, Raena Shephard, Dustin Thomason, and Zach White.

Fourth Grade Mrs. Garmon

These students received the Super Citizen award: Calli Johnson, Jeffrey Jones, and Salena Soto.

This student received the Social Studies award with a 100 average: Ashley McCutchen.

These students were Math Wizards in addition: Nick Flores, Jesse Herold, Ashley McCutchen, and Salena Soto.

Ashley McCutchen was named subtraction Math Wizard.

These students received the Computer Whiz award: Jeremy Compton, Jesse Herold, Calli Johnson, and Ashley McCutchen.

These students received the Perfect Attendance award: Jeremy Compton, Monica DeLaGarza, Blaine Dyess, Nick Flores, Justin Frazee, Jesse Herold, Calli Johnson, Jeffrey Jones, Salena Soto, and Tana White.

Ashley McCutchen received the Reading Award.

These students participated in the Electronic Bookshelf program: Salena Soto, 6

points; Tana White, 8; Vanessa Lange, 11; Calli Johnson, 13; Blaine Dyess, 25; Justin Frazee, 25; Monica DeLaGarza, 37; Jeremy Compton, 40; Nick Flores, 64; Jesse Herold, 67; Ashley McCutchen, 88.

Fourth Grade Mrs. Blair

These students participated in the Electronic Bookshelf program: Ryan Martinez, 7 points; Iliana Green, 12; Terence Scott, 12; Ashley Wilcox, 12; Christy Casares, 15; Kinlee Hoyt, 18; Cody Moore, 18; Garrett Jackson, 20; Stephen Tomes, 30; Cory Cooper, 32; Ashleigh Kelly, 35; Romana Hoover, 48.

Ashley Wilcox received the Multiplication Math Wizard.

These students received the Citizenship award: Romana Hoover, Garrett Jackson, Ashleigh Kelly, and Ryan Martinez.

These students received the Perfect Attendance award: Kinlee Hoyt, Christy Casares, Cory Cooper, Micah Duke, Iliana Green, Romana Hoover, Garrett Jackson, Terence Scott, Stephen Tomes, and Ashley Wilcox.

These students received the Computer award: Cory Cooper, Garrett Jackson, and Terence Scott.

Fifth Grade

These students received the Perfect Attendance award: Eddy Arant, Kanah Coalson, Ashley Denton, Garrett Fiveash, Roy Lee Flores, Brandon Hall, Joseph Israel, Cody Lee, Casey McKee, Justin Moore, Natalee Reed, Jesse Rodriguez, Ashley Torres, and Chase Williams.

These students received the Reading award: Tyson Baker, Casey McKee, and Ashley Torres.

These students received the Spelling award: Jessica Compton and Diane Womack.

These students received the Citizenship award: Kailey Howell and Casey McKee.

These students received the Computer Whiz award: Tyson Baker, Kanah Coalson, Jessica Compton, Ashley Denton, Melissa Flores, Brandon Hall, Joseph Israel, Britney McCutchen, Justin Moore, and Chase Williams.

These students received the Excellent Typing award: Ashley Denton, Garrett Fiveash, Roy Lee Flores, and Britney McCutchen.

Sixth Grade

These students were the Most Improved: Sam Booker, Kyla McGinnis, and Randi Thomason.

These students received the Citizenship award: Cody Blaylock and Khanni Beauchamp.

These students were the Top Students: 1st-Jenna Herold, 2nd-Heather Richey, and 3rd-Joel Webb.

These students were the Top Readers: 1st-Heather Richey and 2nd-James Graves.

These students received the Perfect Attendance award: Cody Blaylock, Sam Booker, James Graves, Jenna Herold, Kevin Huddleston, Kyla McGinnis, Heather Richey, Jonathan Tomes, Joel Webb, and Lindsey Williams.

Barrett makes ATI Dean's List

Joni Sue Barrett, daughter of Jolene Henderson of Bronte and Tony Barrett of Norton, is attending America Technical Institute Career Training Center (ATI) in Ft. Worth. ATI is a technical school with many fields of study.

Joni has completed the second semester of study in Medical Assisting. She has completed Administration Front Office Skills, Physiology, and Anatomy with Dean's List honors and a 4.0 grade average. She is currently in the laboratory semester and will complete the Medical Assistant program on her externship, in which she will apply the skills she has achieved into the work fields of the hospitals and doctor's offices. Joni will complete her training in July.



Joni Barrett

80 years old. It's a nice way to avoid a major heart surgery."

Dr. William Spencer, a cardiologist at Methodist and Baylor College of Medicine, performed the procedure on Erwin. He said that not every patient with this condition will qualify for the new procedure.

"It will work only for people whose extra heart tissue is confined to the septum," he said. "And, of course, the patient must be showing some symptoms."

Although doctors have used the procedure in around 100 patients in Britain and Germany, Methodist is the only center in the United States that can offer it at this time. Patients who receive the treatment in Houston will be monitored for at least two and a half years to measure the effectiveness of the treatment.

People who have hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy often have very few symptoms. They can quickly become breathless with minimal exertion, and could have chest pains or even fainting spells.

Dr. Robert Roberts, chief of Cardiology at Methodist and Baylor College of Medicine, said this condition is most often seen in young athletes. "People with this condition make very good athletes, because their heart works better than normal," Roberts said. "But the condition does not usually become dangerous until they reach puberty. And it's tough to diagnose; often there are no symptoms. Often the first symptom is sudden death."

Hundreds of young athletes die suddenly each year in the United States. Most of them die while playing football, basketball or other physically demanding sports. Occasionally a professional player will die suddenly; Roberts said the cause is almost always obstructive cardiomyopathy.

He added the condition becomes particularly dangerous when an athlete allows him or herself to become dehydrated. "That's why more of these deaths occur in a sport such as football, and in the Southern region of the country," he said. "Taking in a lot of fluids while playing a sport is important for other aspects of health, but for people who do not know they have this condition, it could save their lives."

In London, a sign over a store that sells fireplace fixtures proclaims: "Amazing Grates".

A manual for people who run consignment shops is entitled *Too Good to Be Threw*.

Alcohol could help heart condition

Timothy Erwin is an athlete and a coach in good physical condition. He was surprised to discover a heart defect left him out of breath after doing simple tasks like climbing stairs.

Not quite as shocked, however, as he was when doctors told him his condition could possibly be cured by a shot of alcohol.

Nothing that would make him intoxicated, mind you - it's a new treatment for an inherited and potentially fatal heart condition that kills hundreds of young people every year. The experimental treatment is being tested at The Methodist Hospital, and Erwin was the first to receive it.

Doctors inject a small amount of pure alcohol into blood vessels near the heart to remedy symptoms caused by an overgrown muscle between the heart's pumping chambers.

Erwin, 38, suffers from hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy. This genetic disorder causes the septum, a muscle dividing the right and left chambers of the heart, to become overgrown. Because of the extra muscle, the heart works harder and pumps blood too fast. The bulging muscle also blocks normal blood flow to the rest of the body.

The new procedure involves a simple injection of 100 percent alcohol (ethanol) to the overgrown tissue, which causes cells in the excess muscle to die and shrink. To do this, doctors must send a catheter into blood vessels that feed the offending tissue. They then inject the ethanol into these selected blood vessels.

Erwin is the first patient in the United States to receive this treatment. It was developed two years ago by Dr. Ulrich Sigwart, chief of Invasive Cardiology at the Royal Brompton Hospital in London. Sigwart flew to Houston to observe Erwin's treatment on November 14.

"We hope this treatment will eventually be used instead of open-heart surgery, or a pacemaker that corrects the heart's rhythm," said Sigwart. "In England, we have successfully performed the treatment in 30 people, ranging in age from 14 years old to